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NEED AND UTILIZATION OF SERVICES AMONG THE AGED OF GREATER BOSTON

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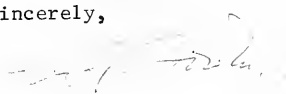
Mrs. Ann Wolpert
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Dear Mrs. Wolpert:

Enclosed is the paper I mentioned. Although the data should be cited as preliminary, I think the numbers are probably the best estimates available.

Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,


Floyd J. Fowler
Assistant Director

In 1965 and 1966, 1355 interviews were taken with a probability cross-section sample of persons 65 years or older in the Boston Standard Statistical Area (SSA). Taken together, these interviews enable us to describe the total aged population in Greater Boston.

Support for the data collection came from the Gerontological Division of the U.S. Public Health Service. Analysis of the data was jointly supported by the Administration on Aging (AoA) and by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. The Research Department, under the direction of Donald Dobbin, of the United Community Services gave us access to their data on the total adult population of Boston for comparative purposes.

The total study was focussed on the needs of the aged, their use of available services, and their reasons for non-use. This is an excerpt from the final report to AoA, "Need and Utilization of Services Among the Aged of Greater Boston," prepared by Floyd J. Fowler, Jr. and Mary Ellen McCalla presently with the Joint Center for Urban Studies of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

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0.05 (F(1, 9) = 0.1) with a likelihood ratio test of 0.13 (p = 0.72) and a Pearson chi-square of 0.13 (p = 0.72).

Table 2.10: Chi-square test of independence for the number of eggs laid by a female and the sex of the offspring.

Table 2.10: Results		Pearson chi-square test results		
Observed		Test Statistic	df	p-value
One or two	20	1.57	1	.21
Three	3	.48		.48
Four	32	.6		.43
Five or more	7	.7		.7
Not ascertained		0	0	0
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
N		(95)	(95)	(95)

Chi-square = 20.41

df = 6

p < .01

Summary

One or two	20	15%	11%
Three	3	.48	.48
Four	32	.6	.7
Five or more	7	.7	.7
Not ascertained	0	0	0
TOTAL	100	100%	100%
N	(95)	(95)	(92)

Chi-square = 15.44

df = 6

p < .05

TABLE 10

Amount of RIN in the 100-hour pool for each of the 100-hour pools

Amount of RIN in the 100-hour pool		
Amount of RIN	Amount of RIN	Amount of RIN
Less than \$50	10	10%
\$50 - \$75	54	54%
\$75 or more	36	36%
Not reported	0	0%
TOTAL	100	100%
n	100	100%

Chi square = 21.41

df = 2

p < .001

p < .001 (Less than 1.5 percent)



TABLE 1

QUALITY OF HOURS OF EACH TYPE OF MONTH FOR 1974-1975 AND 1976-1977

Quality of Month	Time of Month	
	Before 1974	After 1974
Displaced or deteriorated	10%	25%
Sound	45%	57%
Excellent	35%	17%
Not recorded	1%	1%
TOTAL	100%	100%
p	(.48)	(.53)

O: score = 23.13

N = 1

p < .001

TABLE 2

TYPE OF HOUSING - TOTAL FAMILIES AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FAMILIES
AGE 18 AND OVER

Type of Housing	Total Annual Rental			
	Less than \$4,000	\$4,000 - \$5,999	\$6,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 or more
Public housing	22%	11%	6%	4%
Private housing	77	81	93	96
Not ascertained	1	3	2	2
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%
	(127)	(59)	(45)	(41)

1.21 square = 18.31

2.1 = 3

3.2 = 100%

4. Less than 0.5 percent.











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